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National Security Information--Classification, Declassification and Access -- discussed briefly the new Headquarters Regulation and Security Information--Classification, Declassification and Access -- discussed briefly the new Headquarters Regulation are noting that while it will not be a best-seller, it is to be read "avidly." Of significance is that classification of documents can no longer be left to the secretaries who prepare them. Bob noted that the regulation is not yet effective and that we are awaiting word from the White House that our paper meets all essential criteria. A Headquarters Notice will be issued to announce the effective date.

Bob noted that the regulation specifies the use of a rubber stamp "Exempt from general declassification schedule" which is at variance with the initial distribution of the stamp. When the regulation is effective you may use the one you have until you receive the corrected stamp. It is expected that a full supply will be received about 29 June, and in this order will be the correct stamp of the type mentioned.

Bob also pointed out that the regulation as printed contains a new sentence on page 23, "If the classifier is other than such person, he shall be identified on the stamp as indicated." There is no "stamp" for this purpose and the system of preparation of correspondence should indicate who the official classifier was on a particular document.

As the regulation now stands, only an officer having TS classifying authority may make the judgment whether a document falls within one or more of the exemption categories in the Executive Order. Precise instructions on this and other similar points cannot be issued until the Director has had an opportunity to consider a proposal made to him that he grant an Agency-wide exemption for all documents falling within one of the four exemption categories.

3. Liaison with the Law Enforcement Assistance Administration -- Mr. Osborn stated that the Director has established a policy that the Agency

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will be "forward looking" in its dealings with the LEAA.

was the official liaison officer with LEAA until his retirement. Recently,

one of Howard's former deputy directors who has retired,
has accepted a consultant contract with LEAA and has been established as
the official liaison between the Agency and LEAA. Howard pointed out that
our work with LEAA is a two-way street and that while we are anxious to
provide them with some of our expertise, they in turn are willing to provide
us with the results of some of their research. For instance, LEAA's effort
in metal detection devices to counter hijacking could have an application in
our interest in audio countermeasures techniques.

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- 4. New Official Photograph of President Nixon noted that the Agency has received new official photographs of President Nixon (both color and black and white) which we are asked to substitute for those now on display. LSD/OL has the negatives and will print only the number of copies that are required. The intent is to replace those we now have, but if there is a need for additional copies a request can be considered. Tex asked that each Office Director assess the needs and convey them to LSD on extension 5245 not later than 27 June.
- 5. The Watergate Caper -- Mr. Coffey stated that the Director has twice made it clear in Morning Meetings that the Agency has said all it intends to say on this subject and desires that there be no chitchat with friends and former employees about it. Any press inquiries are to be referred without comment to who is substituting for Angus Thuermer, and any internal inquiries should be referred to Mr. Osborn. Oz would be interested in knowing of any present or former employees who might have been working with
- 6. Appreciation -- Mr. Coffey expressed his sincere appreciation to all planning officers and their assistants who worked so hard and long over the past weekend to prepare for the hearing with the Executive Director on the FY 1974 budget.
- 7. Rabies Scare expressed his appreciation to OMS and to particularly for defusing a rabies scare which arose at where some children were exposed to a rabid puppy.
- 8. Drug Abuse Exhibit at AMA -- noted that the Agency's drug abuse exhibit was being well received at the American Medical Association conference in San Francisco this week. We were told that 8 out of every 10 persons who viewed the exhibit took a sniff of the pseudo marijuana. Thus far, five requests have been received to use our display at other gatherings.

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9. Increase in Virginia Income Taxes -- Tom Yale announced that the State of Virginia has just issued a new personal income tax formula which will become effective 1 July. The effect will be to increase tax deductions for Virginia residents from \$2 to \$7 per pay period. An Agency notice is in preparation and the Office of Finance is planning to start the new withholdings for vouchered funds payrolls for the pay period beginning 9 July and on 23 July for unvouchered payrolls.

cc: Each attendee

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